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TO THE 11TH CONGRESS OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA

Esteemed comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey sends fraternal greetings to the 11th Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, and wishes it success in its deliberations.

There exist longstanding fraternal ties of struggle between the communists of Turkey and Yugoslavia. These ties are interwoven with proletarian internationalism. Nonetheless, this is the first time that a delegation from the TKP is participating in such an important forum of your party, the Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia. The Berlin Conference of European Communist Workers' Parties was a factor in reviving old ties.

In this Congress, the League of Communists of Yugoslavia is considering the questions of further developing the establishment of socialism and enhancing the well-being of the peoples and working people of Yugoslavia. The role of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia in the life of the country is increasing. The Federated Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia is pursuing an anti-imperialist, peace-loving foreign policy.

The most important international question of our day is the struggle for peace, security, detente and disarmament, the struggle against weapons of mass destruction such as the neutron bomb. The Soviet Union and the world socialist system are leading this struggle. Our people are also engaged in this struggle. The TKP is fighting for a lasting peace in the world, in Europe and the Balkans, for the expansion of friendly relations and cooperation between Turkey and all its neighbours, with the socialist countries and countries fighting for national independence. American imperialism and the dominating circles of NATO are inciting an arms race throughout the world. The Peking leaders are lending support to the policies of these most reactionary, most aggressive quarters. The strengthening of socialism and peace in the world is strengthening the working class and national liberation movements struggling against imperialism.

Imperialism's pressure on our country is intensifying. The collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and the reactionary, fascist forces are continuing their violent attacks and provocations. Relying on American imperialism and the dominating circles of NATO, these forces are escalating fascism and forcing our people towards a bloody civil war. All national democratic forces, the communists first and foremost, are waging a persistent struggle against this danger. The working class is leading the struggle for national independence and democracy. The trade unions, progressive youth and women's organisations, the peace movement and democratic professional organisations are taking an active part in this struggle. The Communist Party of Turkey is striving to establish the unity of action, the united front of the working class and all national democratic forces, to bring these forces, together on an anti-fascist, anti-imperialist platform.

May Day 1978 heralded a new stage in the struggle of our working class and people against imperialism and fascism. Broad masses of working people shouted for "Freedom to the TKP" in May Day Square. Making no compromises on the principles of Marxism-Leninism, the TKP is struggling to seize the right to work legally. It is upholding the unity of international communist movement on the basis of the principles of proletarian internationalism.

Esteemed comrades,

The Central Committee of the TKP wishes success to the 11th Congress of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia and to your party's struggle for the strengthening of peace and socialism.

With communist greetings,

19 June 1978

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**SPEECH OF COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY, ON "VOICE OF THE TKP"
RADIO ON THE QUESTION OF THE
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT**

Q: Comrade Bilen, on the 9th of June, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey issued an Appeal to all National Democratic Forces. It is well known it was the Communist Party of Turkey which first advanced the thesis of the National Democratic Front. What is the significance of this Appeal under present conditions?

A: The question of the National Democratic Front is the most fundamental, burning, irrefragable, topical question facing our people.

Since the day of its founding, the TKP has always assigned special importance to the question of the National Democratic Front. Communists have worked for the unity of all progressive forces of the nation in the struggle and for the establishment of the alliance of these forces.

The first form of the united front against imperialism took shape in the days of the war of National Independence. The TKP defended this front, the "Kuvayi Milliye", and the unity of all national forces under the most difficult conditions. It played a leading role in its formation. Among the forces participating in this front, the communists fought with great self-sacrifice and valour against the invaders. In spite of the treachery of the bourgeoisie, they never ceased to uphold, above all else, the interests of the people and the nation. Despite having suffered heavy losses, they swore at the 1st and 2nd Congresses of the TKP, to continue the war of national independence to the end. This, they carried out, and continue to carry out today.

Since that day, international and national conditions, the respective positions of the classes and the balance of forces have greatly altered. The

working class has become the main force leading the struggle of the people. The differentiations within the bourgeoisie have become more profound. The circle of possible allies for the working class has expanded. The political situation renders the front of national democratic forces imperative. The pressure of imperialism on Turkey is increasing. NATO, American imperialism and the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie are the main enemy facing us. Fascism is escalating incessantly. Imperialist pressure and fascist attacks are mounting against the working class and people, as well as against the vacillating government. Under these conditions, the left-wing of the RPP is drawing closer to the struggle of the working class and working masses.

All this points to both the feasibility and the necessity of establishing the unity of action and unity in a front of national democratic forces.

Without the formation of a front of such a unity of forces in the struggle against imperialism, NATO, the collaborating big bourgeoisie, fascist escalation and reaction, success cannot be achieved. Without it national independence cannot be won. The democratic rule of the people, advanced democracy, cannot be established. The road to socialism cannot be opened. Lasting peace and security in our region cannot be ensured.

The front of struggle, this national alliance must embrace the broadest sections of the people and the nation. It must embrace all the forces of the people from the proletariat, the working class, the labouring masses of the cities and villages, to the left-wing of the national bourgeoisie.

Lenin gave us a piece of advice which we must never forget. Lenin insists on and stresses one thing: "An enemy that is more powerful than oneself can only be vanquished if, with a supreme strain of effort, the least division among enemies is widened, the least conflict of interest between the different groups and sections within the bourgeoisie in every country is exploited, and, at the same time, even if it is a temporary ally, even if it is wavering and subject to condition, even if it is not altogether secure and reliable, the smallest opportunity for winning to one's side a numerically large alliance is taken advantage of with the utmost care and alertness, mastery and intelligence. He who does not comprehend this fact, understands nothing about Marxism."

The TKP, we communists, have accepted Lenin's advice, these Leninist principles, as our guide. The TKP's policy of the National Democratic Front is based on these Leninist principles.

STATEMENT

The Political Document, the series of agreements and Joint Communique concluded between Turkey and the Soviet Union show that a new phase in Turkish-Soviet relations has begun. This development brings in with it broader opportunities in our people's struggle for liberation from NATO and American slavery. These agreements constitute an important step towards reviving and further developing Turkish-Soviet friendship and fraternity, whose foundations were laid by Lenin and Atatürk. The TKP, the

communists, warmly greet these documents.

Since the day of its foundation, the TKP has defended the principle of friendship and good-neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union, and has fought continuously for the implementation of this principle. It has never abandoned the principles of proletarian internationalism, of fraternity with the CPSU, the party of Lenin, of friendship with the USSR, the fortress of peace in the world and the source of strength of the national independence struggles. Many communists have sacrificed their lives for the sake of these principles.

The present developments are the result of the consistent Leninist peace policy of the Soviet Union, the struggles of the TKP, the working class, progressive, democratic forces and our people, and the fact that realistic, common sensical inclinations have prevailed within the national bourgeoisie. The development of relations with our great neighbour to this extent is a common gain of all national democratic forces.

The agreements that have been concluded are an important contribution to the strengthening of efforts to ensure peace, security and disarmament in our region, Europe and the world. They expand the possibilities of the struggle against imperialism for national independence, against reaction and rising fascism for democracy and freedom. They constitute a source of strength for our people in this struggle.

Imperialism and the collaborating, reactionary quarters have drawn our country to the brink of numerous crises, economic and political. Our friend in need, the Soviet Union, is once again extending the hand of friendship to our people in their struggle for liberation from crisis and catastrophe. These agreements provide new opportunities for developing the national economy and achieving economic independence.

The lie spread by imperialism of a "Soviet Threat" is gradually collapsing. The fundamental bases of support for the pro-NATO, cold war policy being pursued by the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie through bilateral agreements and military bases, are shaking. Thus, the strength of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism in our country is declining. These processes are creating a favourable atmosphere for the unity in action of national democratic forces.

These forces wishing to sabotage this positive development, imperialism, the collaborating big bourgeoisie, reactionary, fascist forces and the Maoists, have been dealt a heavy blow. But the enemies of peace and Turkish-Soviet friendship, national independence, democracy and freedoms, the enemies of our people, are not standing idle. They are rabidly opposing the development of friendly relations with the Soviet Union. They persist in anti-Soviet provocations. They continue to promote fascism. On the other hand, certain petty bourgeois quarters are attempting to deny the essence of the agreements and to belittle their importance.

The TKP defends Turkish-Soviet friendship and the agreements and documents that have been concluded against the attacks of imperialism, reactionary fascist forces and the Maoists. It is fighting with all its might to popularise them among the working class and broad labouring masses. The government must live up to the requirements of the agreements. The guarantee

of this, is to break the dependence on imperialism, crush the onslaught of the reactionary fascist forces and halt the rise of fascism. The working class, our people demand this. To this end, the TKP calls all national democratic forces to unity in a front.

Long live Turkish-Soviet friendship!

Long live the unity of national democratic forces upholding this friendship!

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